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17 July 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Executive
General Counsel
Assistant Director, ORE

SUBJECT: State's Staff Study of 1 May 1950 on Production
of National Intelligence

REFERENCE: (a) Mr. Webb's letter of 7 July transmitting Staff
Study on the above subject

(b) COAPS Preliminary Comments of 13 July on the
above subject

1. Herewith is COAPS Study of State's Staff Study of 1 May 1950 on Production of National Intelligence and on Continuous Surveillance of Current Intelligence. We think that AT THIS TIME the Director's reply to Mr. Webb (with an information copy to the Executive Secretary of the NSC, and maybe to others also) should be relatively brief, pointing up only the high spots and major changes proposed in the Staff Study.

2. For possible future use with the NSC (if, as or when necessary), let there be a detailed CIA point-by-point rebuttal; but we think no such details should NOW be given out to State and Defense.

3. If State and Defense do present this paper to the NSC after receiving the Director's reply, other members of the NSC at any rate will ask the DCI for his views. Then, to supplement the attached reply to Mr. Webb, the detailed CIA position can be presented to the NSC.

4. Accordingly, we propose for our discussions later this week the enclosed draft. The week after, let there be discussions on the more detailed CIA position which should be in the files ready for future contingencies.

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and Policy Staff

Enclosure
Draft of reply to Mr. Webb

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